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1. THE SPANISH ARE SO STEEPED IN THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIOLOGICALLY, INHERENT IN THE TRANSITION PROCESS, THAT THEY DO NOT PLACE IMPORTANT FOCUS ON WHAT IS HAPPENING ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING ITALY. I THINK THEY FIND THE ITALIAN SITUATION CONFUSING, TO SOME EXTENT ALARMING AND A GOOD EXAMPLE NOT REPEAT NOT TO FOLLOW. I WOULD JUDGE THAT THE GOS PERCEPTION IS SIMILAR TO OURS WITH RESPECT TO A GENERAL DRIFT TOWARDS EVER CLOSER DC-PCI COLLABORATION, BUT WITH STILL A PINCH OF HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE CONTAINED SHORT OF FULL PARTICIPATION.

2. I AM QUITE CERTAIN THAT OUR SPANISH FRIENDS WOULD PREFER THAT THE PCI BE GIVEN NO GREATER ROLE AND CERTAINLY NOT PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH THE PCE IS A LONG WAY FROM THE STRENGTH OF THE PCI, NEVERTHELESS PCI PARTICIPATION IN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE
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VIEWED AS A HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO SANTIAGO CARRILLO'S CONSTANT CROONING OF SIREN SONGS. BUT I BELIEVE THE GOS WOULD IN NO WAY BE INCLINED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT ALL THIS EITHER NOW OR AFTER ONE OR ANOTHER FORM OF CHANGE IN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. THE SPANISH DO NOT WELCOME ANY MESSING AROUND IN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS, AND I FEEL QUITE CERTAIN THAT WHATEVER CONCERN THEY MIGHT HAVE ABOUT ITALIAN

EVENTS WOULD BE OF A "SIT ON THE HANDS" VARIETY. IT SHOULD ALSO BE REMEMBERED THAT SPAIN IS AN APPLICANT COUNTRY FOR THE COMMON MARKET AND THEREFORE BE EVEN MORE CIRCUMSPECT ABOUT "DOING ANYTHING" ABOUT ITALY.

3. MY OWN VIEW IS THAT IF WE AND SOME OF THE MORE SIGNIFICANT NATO ALLIES ARE UNABLE TO ARREST THE TREND, THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT OUTSIDE PRESSURES FROM ANYBODY ELSE WILL SUCCEED. I IMAGINE THAT THERE IS STILL AN ELEMENT OF HOPE THAT WHEN THE ITALIANS REALLY MUST STARE INTO THE ABYSS THEY WILL, AS THEY HAVE DONE BEFORE, RECOIL. I REALIZE THIS COMMENT IS OF LITTLE PRACTICAL VALUE, BUT SEEN FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT THERE IS LITTLE ELSE TO OFFER. WE SHOULD GAIN, I BELIEVE, VERY LITTLE IN TRYING TO CRANK THE SPANISH UP TO MUCH MORE THAN AN EXPRESSION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH US THAT THE SITUATION IN ITALY HAS ALARMING ASPECTS. STABLER

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